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To Whom It May Concern:

I just wanted to make a comment on the whole concept of placing a lawsuit against Microsoft. It occurs to me that Microsoft simply wrote a program that runs on a computer.

Plain and simple; a basic fact.

This program can, however, have other programs run from within it that were not written by Microsoft.

People sell these programs. This ability is a bonus to those people that write this additional software.

Microsoft does not have to make it easy for other people, besides Microsoft employee?s to write software for the main body of the program.

The mere fact that they, (Microsoft), write tools and document how-to?s, are a definite sign that Microsoft supports the users that want to take advantage of the OS/Program to its fullest.

Suppose for instance that the DOJ wrote a program that ran directly on hardware, written in assembly for the sake of argument, and it took years of development and many revisions. Now, someone found that you made an interface that was easily accessible, and programs could be written to run off of it, making the original software better? They sold this addition and made money based on the current function of the DOJ OS/Software? Now imagine that you, the writer of the original software wanted to make a change(s), that would enhance the overall operation of the software, helping all those that use the program at the DOJ out, making their lives easier?

Now imagine that that programmer that wrote the parasite program sued you because the enhancement you made created a conflict within his software that made it impossible to run?

Do you think that this lawsuit is just?

What if you, wrote tools to help that programmer make changes to his original software to help him out, make it easier to make a revision? Do you think he should be grateful?

Think about it.

The suit against Microsoft is ?injustice? by definition.

A programmer,

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By the way, ? the changes that Microsoft is currently making? ie, the ones that are phasing out MS-DOS, are stopping our software from being able to run?

Are we complaining? NO.

We are thankful that we had a good run using the OS?s that Microsoft made, i.e. Dos 5.0 ? Win2k... We have made hundreds of revisions over the years.

And, WE will adapt; write the software again new; and make use of the new languages and tools now available by Microsoft.